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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed September 25, 2001, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein.

The response is initially due October 25, 2001. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

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AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In The Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows.

On page 1, please replace the pending title in its entirety with the following new title:

E1 --METHODS FOR PRODUCING BIOCHIPS--

On page 1, line 1, before the heading "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" please add the following paragraph:

-- CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

E2 The present application claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of a foreign priority patent application filed in Japan, serial number 341604/1998, filed December 1, 1998. This application is explicitly incorporated herein by reference in its entirety and for all purposes.--

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 4, 5, 8 and 22, without prejudice.

Please replace claims 6, 7, 21, 23 as follows.

6. The method of claim 26, wherein the plate comprises a material selected from the group consisting of a nylon membrane, a glass, a silicone wafer, a polyimide resin and a polymer plastic.

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#1 sub 7. The method of claim 24, claim 25 or claim 26, wherein the binding agent is selected from the group consisting of a poly-L-lysine carbodiimide and a silylation-coating.